



Join Us for a PHSR CyberSeminar!  
*Regionalizing Public Health Systems*  
May 23, 2:00-3:30 pm EDT

In the post- 9/11 era, health departments recognize the need for inter and intra- agency collaboration in preparation for public health responses to terrorism. And in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, 'regionalized' public health systems are being developed to strengthen the response to natural disasters as well. While the forging of relationships and coordination across jurisdictions is now an essential component of public health system readiness, this strategy may prove useful outside of the preparedness framework. Like many lessons learned from preparedness approaches, regionalization may be a valuable methodology for strengthening the public health infrastructure overall.

In some areas, sharing resources across city/county/state lines is not new. In others, governance structures hinder cross-jurisdictional approaches. This web-based seminar will provide an overview of regionalization in public health systems, give examples of regionalization's implementation, highlight new research findings in this area, and address challenges to be addressed in institutionalizing this approach.

**Moderator:**

**Harold Cox, M.S.S.W., Boston University**  
Overview of the Origin of and Rationale for Regionalization

**Panelists:**

**Patrick Lenihan, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago**  
Regional Approaches to Preparedness

**David Palm, Ph.D., Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services**  
Restructuring Rural Health Areas

**Michael Stoto, Ph.D., Georgetown University**  
The Evidence- Base for Regionalization

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